

Clavering Parish Council Meeting. Monday, 13th July 2026

Representative Reports

UDC Planning Committee 10th June 2026

Build of 9 houses on Arkesden Road. Permission refused , based on Core Policy 3 of UDC Local Plan.

Cllr Gill in her presentation requested consistency in decision making. She was called back to the table to advise the UDC Planning Committee of the progress to date of the NP.

Current YHLS is 4.77 as Government still not released up-to-date calculations.

Unity Bank Forum 11th June 2026

Webinar on services offered.

Account opening slow at moment due to staff shortage as customer base had s increased and staff have had to move internally to other support roles.

Does not issue a Debit Card.

Offers a Lloyds Corporate Card which can be cleared by DD each month to avoid interest charges.

Passenger Transport Forum Wednesday 24th June 10am -12 noon at Chelmsford

I met with Digigo, the new bus provider for the DaRT 299 which serves Clavering

All was going well until I mentioned new 'virtual bus stops'....

Digigo stated the contract meant that they did not have to go to a person's house as previously took place.

Re-assurances already given to me a few weeks ago by ECC that the service would continue as it always has, especially as for many in the villages served there are no safe pavements to any real, let alone virtual, bus stops. Luckily ECC were in the rooms I spoke with them.

ECC confirmed that the service should run as before so this 'virtual' bus stop issue has been escalated within ECC. I have yet to receive any further communication.

ECC stated that info was being posted soon . . .nothing there as of 3rd July.

This will be chased with Passenger Transport.

Meantime, Digigo has agreed to come out to a meeting in Clavering and explain their phone service and booking app.

It is suggested that the 'Tea and Chat' on 16th July at Wicken Bonhunt will be a good start and I am trying to arrange that.

UDC Parish Forum 29th June 2026

31 Parish/Town Council attendees. Slides will be circulated

- Stephanie Robinson , the new EALC CEO, spoke on the work of the EALC and the support they give to Parish/Town Councils, including the setting up of new parishes as LGR comes forward.
- Peter Holt (UDC CEO) and Petrina Lees (UDC Leader) spoke on the political challenges of LGR.
It appears that Harlow Town Council is not actively engaging re. LGR, so UDC is not seeing an amalgamation of ideas coming forward as in say Colchester/Tendring/Braintree.
Reform-led ECC had announced it was seeking a judicial review of LGR in Essex.
Mention was made of UDC having been released from Planning Special Measures and that it had recently won Planning Awards for turning the department around. It now acts in an advisory capacity to other councils in planning special measures.

In response to questions, it was explained that LGR currently plans for the new unitary containing Uttlesford, etc to have 25 councillors from Uttlesford, 25 from Harlow and 36 from Epping. The current Clavering Ward will amalgamate with Chesterford and Littlebury.

- Cat Chapman gave a presentation of Waste. She advised that the treatment of waste in UDC is very similar to Epping and Harlow so there are no planned changes anticipated under LGR.

As of October 2027, all supermarkets must have a facilities for the return of single use plastic bottles with a 20p per item return scheme to encourage recycling.

Flexible plastics (film) will be recycled as of April 2027 but this will probably involve using a separate bag in the recycle bin.

- Tim??, Kristy Paul and Dean Hermitage spoke on Planning

Reiterated UDC's Local Plan is a Climate Led Local Plan

A new UDC Design Code was to be published on 30th June 2026 as it was an Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) adopted in early June

As of 1st July SPD's cannot be published and will become documents know as Planning Guidance so carry less weight.

New information on CIL is expected to be published after being presented to Cabinet on 16th July.

Strategic Sites allocations under the Local Plan attract a ZERO CIL rating, though Section 106 money would still be required.

Cllr Gill to clarify if this Zero CIL applies to the housing allocation number to be provided under the Clavering NP.

CIL will be adopted in September with the first relating payments made to P&TCs in April 2027.

The Annual Infrastructure Statement is due late 2026.

It was noted that a slide displayed shows that part of Clavering falls under the Zone of Influence re. Hatfield Forest's SAMM.

Planning Legislation update

As of May, any developments of over 150 dwellings refused permission by UDC must go to the Secretary of State.

Decision Making of Applications as of October 2027

Delegated to an Officer - Householder applications (HHF)

- Non Major schemes (up to 9 houses)
- Most reserved matters
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May go to a Committee - Major Applications

- Listed Building Consents
- Phased Reserve matter

if they pass the Gateway Test. Delegated to Officers first. Then a nominated Officer and a Nominated Member must both agree it goes to committee as the application must be shown to raise matters of significant economic, social, environmental or planning importance.

Applicant can appeal the decision that it is put to a planning committee. (!!)

There is no call in by a Councillor.

PFCC Meeting 6th July 2026 at Saffron Walden Town Hall

Verbal update will be given in the Meeting

Essex Association of Local Councils

Finance Meeting 20th July and Executive Meeting 21st July.

Annual General Meeting Thursday 10th September in the evening via Zoom (enables more councillor delegates to attend.)

Cllr SM Gill 3rd July 2026